

# How Did the Colonists Use Iron?

Iron was very important to the early colonists. Iron nails were used to build homes, **meetinghouses**, and schools. Iron tools were needed to **clear land and plant crops**. Iron kettles and pots hung over every **cooking fire**, while iron spits, Dutch ovens, and pans sat next to them. Iron was the backbone of Colonial America.

Examine each picture and circle all the iron parts. Be sure to notice the number of different things made from iron.

